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Organization of work

Provisional annotated programme of work for the First Review Conference

Submitted by the President-designate of the First Review Conference

Monday 7 September

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Opening of the Review Conference

1. Opening of the Review Conference by the President of the Fifth Meeting of States Parties (item 1 of the provisional agenda).

2. Election by acclamation of the President of the First Review Conference (item 2 of the provisional agenda).

3. Opening remarks by the President of the First Review Conference outlining his expectations for the Meeting and the period of his presidency.

4. In the spirit of partnership that has been the hallmark of the Meetings of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions, the President will first invite representatives of the United Nations, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Cluster Munition Coalition to address the plenary.

Procedural issues

5. Adoption of the agenda and the rules of procedure (items 3 and 4 of the provisional agenda).

6. Confirmation of the Secretary-General of the Meeting and election of the Vice-Presidents and other officers (items 5 and 6 of the provisional agenda).

7. Introduction by the President of draft documents and key draft decisions:

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Please recycle

(a) Croatia progress report on monitoring progress in implementing the Vientiane Action Plan between the Fifth Meeting of States Parties and the First Review Conference.

(b) Dubrovnik action plan;

(c) Political declaration;

(d) Post-first Review Conference programme of meetings and machinery;

(e) Estimated costs of the Sixth Meeting of States parties;

(f) Document on matters pertaining to the financing of the Implementation Support Unit.

High Level Segment
General exchange of views (item 8 of the provisional agenda)

8. Recalling the invitation extended to States and organizations by the Prime Minister of Croatia, States parties, signatory States and States not Party and international and civil society organizations are invited to make statements of a general nature. Areas that delegations may wish to cover include:

(a) Political commitments;

(b) General points on implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions;

(c) Expectations for the First Review Conference.

3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

High Level Segment
General exchange of views (continued)

9. Consideration of this item will end after the final speaker. If there is adequate time, the President will move to the next agenda item.

Tuesday 8 September

09:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

High Level Segment
General exchange of views (continued):

10. Consideration of this item will end after the final speaker. If there is adequate time, the President will move to the next agenda item.

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

High Level Segment
General exchange of views (continued):

11. Consideration of this item will end after the final speaker.

Wednesday 9 September

09:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Review of the status and operation of the Convention and other matters important for achieving the aims of the Convention (item 9 of the provisional agenda)

12. In addition to the sub-items described below, delegates should also consider matters of implementation raised in the Croatia progress report when preparing their statements.

Universalization (item 9 (a) of the provisional agenda)

13. The President will report on the status of, progress in and challenges to universalization of the Convention.

14. States parties are encouraged to provide an update on the activities they have undertaken to promote universal adherence to the Convention, for example, bilateral meetings, workshops, letters, advocacy missions and diplomatic notes.

15. Signatory States are invited to provide an update on their domestic process of ratification and deposit of instruments of ratification.

16. States not party are also invited to voice their support for the Convention and provide updates on domestic processes in advance of accession.

17. The International Committee of the Red Cross, the United Nations, the Cluster Munition Coalition and other organizations working on the universalization of the Convention are invited to present their activities and aims for universalization.

18. Questions and challenges that delegations may wish to consider in preparation for the First Review Conference have been identified in the Croatia progress report.

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Review of the status and operation of the Convention and other matters important for achieving the aims of the Convention (continued):

Storage and stockpile destruction (item 9 (b) of the provisional agenda)

19. The President will report on the status of, progress in and challenges to the implementation of Article 3 of the Convention.

20. States parties with obligations under Article 3 are invited to share plans for, progress in and challenges to the safe and rapid destruction of cluster munitions.

21. Signatory States and States not party with stockpiles of cluster munitions are invited to share any relevant information regarding the number and types of stockpiles and of plans for, or obstacles to, their destruction.

22. States are invited to provide their views on issues pertaining to storage, stockpile destruction and retention. States that have chosen to retain cluster munitions under Article 3, paragraphs 6 and 7, are encouraged to provide updates on their numbers and types, how they have been used in the past year, plans for their use and plans for their eventual destruction.

23. Other delegations are invited to share their views on the implementation of Article 3, paragraphs 6 to 8.

24. The International Committee of the Red Cross, the United Nations, the Cluster Munition Coalition and other organizations are invited to present their views on the implementation of Article 3 as well as their recommendations on how to maintain the momentum in stockpile destruction.

25. Questions and challenges that delegations may wish to consider in preparation for the First Review Conference have been identified in the Croatia progress report.

Clearance and destruction of cluster munition remnants and risk reduction education (item 9 (c) of the provisional agenda)

26. The President will report on the status of, progress in and challenges to the implementation of Article 4 of the Convention.

27. States parties with obligations under Article 4 are encouraged to provide an update on their plans, priorities and progress towards clearance and risk education. This could include efforts to identify as precisely as possible the location and size of all areas contaminated by cluster munition remnants as well as efforts or plans to clear or otherwise release such areas as soon as possible.

28. Signatory States and States not party contaminated by cluster munition remnants are invited to share information on the magnitude and structure of the contamination, their plans for addressing the contamination and for ensuring the safety of exposed populations.

29. States are invited to share their views on the progress in and obstacles to clearance efforts and, in particular, are encouraged to share ideas and proposals on how to make survey and clearance efforts more effective and efficient.

30. The International Committee of the Red Cross, the United Nations, the Cluster Munition Coalition and other organizations are invited to present their views on the implementation of Article 4, as well as recommendations on how such efforts can be sustainable, adequate, and more effective and efficient.

31. Questions and challenges that delegations may wish to consider in preparation for the First Review Conference have been identified in the Croatia progress report.

Thursday 10 September

09:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Review of the status and operation of the Convention and other matters important for achieving the aims of the Convention (continued):

Victim assistance (item 9 (d) of the provisional agenda)

32. The President will report on the status of, progress in and challenges to the implementation of Article 5.

33. States parties with obligations under Article 5 are encouraged to provide an update on their efforts to provide age-and gender-sensitive assistance, including medical care, rehabilitation and psychological support, as well as on efforts to ensure social and economic inclusion of victims. States parties are encouraged in particular to include their views on how victim assistance could be better integrated into existing national health and social care systems.

34. Signatory States and States not party are invited to provide their views on the implementation of Article 5.

35. The International Committee of the Red Cross, the United Nations, the Cluster Munition Coalition and other organizations are invited to present their views on the implementation of article 5, as well as recommendations on how such efforts could be sustainable, adequate, and more effective and efficient.

36. Questions and challenges that delegations may wish to consider in preparation for the First Review Conference have been identified in the Croatia progress report.

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Review of the status and operation of the Convention and other matters important for achieving the aims of the Convention (continued):

International cooperation and assistance (item 9 (e) of the provisional agenda)

37. The President will report on the status of, progress in and challenges to the implementation of Article 6.

38. States parties seeking assistance to implement their obligations under the Convention are encouraged to provide an update of their plans and needs as well as on the measures they are taking to facilitate the provision of assistance by other States and to promote cooperation between States and other actors.

39. States in a position to provide assistance are encouraged to respond to the needs and gaps identified by affected States under the sub-items on stockpile destruction and retention, clearance and risk reduction, and victim assistance. Delegations are encouraged to provide information on how they envisage providing assistance.

40. States are also invited to present their views on cooperation and assistance.

41. The International Committee of the Red Cross, the United Nations, the Cluster Munition Coalition and other organizations are invited to describe what they are doing to facilitate international cooperation and assistance, assistance they have been or are able to provide, their views on the implementation of article 6, as well as their recommendations on how such efforts can be sustainable, adequate, and more effective and efficient.

42. Questions and challenges that delegations may wish to consider in preparation for the First Review Conference have been identified in the Croatia progress report.

Transparency measures (item 9 (f) of the provisional agenda)

43. The President will report on the status of, progress in and challenges to the implementation of Article 7.

44. Under this sub-item, States may wish to give their views on the reporting format or on the importance of transparency reporting. States may also wish to present transparency or reporting measures that they have already undertaken, or to provide information on any difficulties they may be encountering with respect to transparency reporting.

45. The International Committee of the Red Cross, the United Nations, the Cluster Munition Coalition and other organizations are invited to present their views on the implementation of Article 7.

46. Questions and challenges that delegations may wish to consider in preparation for the First Review Conference have been identified in the Croatia progress report.

Friday 11 September

09:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Review of the status and operation of the Convention and other matters important for achieving the aims of the Convention (continued):

Compliance (item 9 (g) of the provisional agenda)

47. Article 8 of the Convention addresses facilitation and clarification of compliance. If any State party has a concern regarding compliance with the Convention by another State party, that State party may submit a "Request for Clarification" to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

48. States are invited to share their views on interpretation of provisions of the Convention.

49. Article 10 of the Convention deals with settlement of disputes. As it is not envisaged that there will be any disputes among States parties at the First Review Conference, discussions under this sub-item are expected to be brief.

50. Questions and challenges that delegations may wish to consider in preparation for the First Review Conference have been identified in the Croatia progress report.

National implementation measures (item 9 (h) of the provisional agenda)

51. The President will report on the status of, progress in and challenges to the implementation of Article 9.

52. Under this sub-item, States parties with obligations under article 9 are encouraged to provide an update on the specific implementation measures they have taken or plan to undertake under Article 9. In particular, States parties are invited to share their experiences with national legislation concerning the Convention.

53. Signatory States and States not party are invited to provide an update on the implementation of Article 9.

54. The International Committee of the Red Cross, the United Nations, the Cluster Munition Coalition and other organizations are invited to present their views on the implementation of Article 9.

55. Questions and challenges that delegations may wish to consider in preparation for the First Review Conference have been identified in the Croatia progress report.

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Review of the status and operation of the Convention and other matters important for achieving the aims of the Convention (continued):

Implementation support (item 9 (i) of the provisional agenda)

56. The President will invite the Director of the Implementation Support Unit to present a work plan for 2015/2016.

Other matters important for achieving the aims of the Convention (item 9 (j) of the provisional agenda)

Dates, duration and location of future meetings (item 10 of the provisional agenda)

Recommendation for adoption of the final documents (item 11 of the provisional agenda)

Any other business (item 12 of the provisional agenda)

57. This is an open agenda item that provides an opportunity for delegations to raise any other matters that do not fall under the other agenda items. It would be preferable for any delegation wishing to take the floor during this agenda item to submit a request to the President in advance, asking for the floor and indicating the topic they wish to raise.

58. States may also wish to include matters coming under "Any other business" in their general statements.

Adoption of the final document (item 13 of the provisional agenda)

59. The President will make a final presentation of the outcome documents of First Review Conference. The President may call on the respective coordinators to report on the results of any consultations undertaken. This is the opportunity for those delegations wishing to make any final remarks relating to the outcome documents to do so.

Closure of the Review Conference (item 14 of the provisional agenda)

60. Under this item the President will make concluding remarks looking ahead to the work of States parties and other delegations in 2016.